

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christ the King *November 23, 2008*



“And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”
-- Matthew 25:32

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MISSION STATEMENT

“As a gifted, worshipping people of faith, we pledge to make disciples for Christ: by proclaiming, teaching and living the Gospel; by building the kingdom through hospitality; by comforting those in need; and by ministering to the local and worldwide community.”

CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:00pm

Sunday - 8:30am, 11:00am, 1:45pm (Spanish)

Tuesday - 8:30am (Communion Service)

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri - 8:30am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:00pm to 4:45pm or by appointment.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited on Fridays from 12:30-12:45pm, with Benediction following. Please join in this prayer time with Christ with the St. Paul community.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

RCIA & RCIC classes are offered for adults and children (7yrs and up.) Please call Fr. Tom, at 817-738-9925 for more information.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

If you or a member of your family are Homebound or in the Hospital, please call the Church Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation classes, required by the Diocese, are held 4 times yearly, in January, April, July and October. Call the office to register.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Due to the quality of preparation we request that you contact the office to make your 1st appointment with Fr. Tom, at least 12 months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Please do not set wedding date until after first appointment with the Pastor.

MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

If you were previously married and wish to inquire about a church annulment, call the office for referral.

QUINCEAÑERA

Please call the parish office two years prior to your desired date. This will insure that you will meet all the requirements necessary to celebrate your Quinceañera. Youth must be registered in the parish and involved, for two years, in Youth Formation on Sunday and Youth Nite on Wednesday, confirmed, or in the process of being confirmed. No exceptions!!

QUINCEAÑERA

Por favor hablar a la oficina de la Iglesia dos años antes de la fecha deseada para celebrar la ceremonia. Los adolescentes deberán registrarse en la parroquia y participar por dos años en la Formación Religiosa para jóvenes y Noche de jóvenes los miércoles. Estar confirmados o en proceso de confirmarse. No excepciones!!

HOLY ORDERS AND CONSECRATED LIFE

If you are interested in becoming a sister, brother, deacon or priest, please contact your pastor or the Director of Vocations, Fr. Kyle Walterscheid, 817-560-3300, or e-mail kwalterscheid@fwdioc.org or contact Fr. James Pemberton, Associate Director of Vocations, 817-560-3300, or e-mail jpemberton@fwdioc.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday at Noon.

PARISH REGISTRATION / CHANGES

Registration forms are available in the office or in the Lobby. Please return to Father Tom or Deacon Ron.

If you have a change of address, phone number, etc. please notify the office at 817-738-9925.

NOTARY SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Monday - Friday, 9-5, by donation

SERVICIO DE NOTARIO DISPONIBLE EN LA OFICINA DE LA IGLESIA de Lun a Vier de 9-5, por donaciones



Small Christian Communities

"Ordinary People Helping Each Other
Connect Everyday Life & Faith Regularly"
Christ the King -- November 23, 2008
Commentary on Matthew 25:31-46

With its focus on the coming of the Son of Man, today's gospel reiterates what has been a prominent theme not only in chapters 24-25, but elsewhere in the gospel (e.g., 16:27, 19:28). The judgment scene in Matthew comes after three parables about preparing for the coming of the Son of Man. In each case everyone knows that the master / bridegroom will come eventually. In the meantime what is demanded is constant watchfulness.

All of the imagery is drawn from Daniel 7:13-14, also a judgment scene, where "one like a son of a man" is enthroned in heavenly glory by God. Although the identity of Daniel's "one like a son of a man" is a topic of debate among scholars, Matthew's "Son of Man" is Jesus. Like Daniel's figure (7:14), Jesus the Son of Man is given dominion over all nations (v. 31) and kingship (v. 34). As the psalms acclaim Yahweh as king of all the earth (Psalm 96:7, 10; 97:1), Jesus is king of all nations—as well as of Jews (Matthew 2:2, 27:32).

Matthew has succeeded in drawing his readers into a poignant and imaginative eschatological courtroom scene. Jesus is revealed as the Son of Man in glory, as the king who judges justly and as the criterion of judgment. The just who have ministered to the needs of the poor are called blessed because, in providing for the hungry, thirsty, naked, ill, estranged and imprisoned, they have met and ministered to Christ himself. Notice the surprise registered in the responses of both the just and the unjust. "Lord, when did we see you?" (vv. 37, 44). For deeds done to these least ones, all the nations (PANTA TA ETHNE in Greek) will be judged. His kingdom is the inheritance of all who have acted justly, symbolized by the "sheep" at his right hand. Typically, the right hand is a position of honor.

There are certain things which this teaches us about the help which we must give. First, it must be help in simple things which anyone can do. It is a matter of giving simple help. Second, it must be help that is uncalculating. They helped because they could not stop themselves. It was the natural, instinctive, reaction of the heart. Whereas, the attitude of those who failed to help was, "If we had known it was you we would gladly have helped, but we thought it was only some common person who was not worth helping." It is still true that there are those who will help if they are given praise, thanks and publicity. But to help like that is not to help, it is to pander to self-esteem. Such help is not generosity. It is disguised selfishness. To help which wins the approval of God is that which is given for nothing but the sake of helping. Third, Jesus confronts us with the truth that all such help is given to him, and all such help withheld is withheld from him. How can that be? If we really wish to delight a parent's heart, if we really wish to move him to gratitude, the best way to do it is to help his child. God is the Father, and the way to delight the heart of God is to help his children.

Similar judgment scenes can be found in Jewish literature popular at the time of Jesus, in the rabbinical midrash to Psalm 118, as well as, in the Egyptian Book of the Dead. At the same time, this gospel text retains the unique feature that the criterion for judgment will be love, active love, expressed and realized in deeds of kindness and mercy.

In Catholic tradition, the works stipulated in vv. 35-36 became known as the "corporal works of mercy." In many ways, they summarize the precepts of the law of Moses and the injunctions of the prophets. When one looks closely at this passage it will be seen that judgment is "autojudgment," that is, believers judge themselves by deeds of mercy done or left undone.

The usual interpretation of this gospel makes it a judgment scene which involves all humanity, "all the nations", and "these least brothers of mine" which includes all people in distress of some kind. Another interpretation is that PANTA TA ETHNE means "all the Gentiles" and "these least brothers of mine" means Christians, either missionaries or ordinary Christians. This interpretation is based on what ETHNE ("nations, Gentiles") and ADELPHOI ("brothers") mean with reference to the recipient of good deeds in v. 40. In fact, the text reads "my brother" (or "sister"). Elsewhere in Matthew's gospel, ADELPHOS refers to a member of the community (e.g., 5:44-48, 6:9, 7:3-5, 12:49-50, 18:15). Matthew's point is that the nations are judged on the basis of their response to Christian disciples. If this is accepted then the issue at the judgment scene is: By what criterion are Gentiles to be declared just or condemned by the Son of Man?

A separate judgment for Gentiles is consistent with Matthew 19:28, "When the Son of Man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Whereas the twelve apostles have a special role in the judgment of Israel, no such role is attributed to them in the judgment of the Gentiles.

This early Christian expectation of separate judgments for Jews and Gentiles had its basis in Jewish tradition. Having roots in Ezekiel 39:21 and Joel 3, the theme of separate judgments appears frequently in apocalyptic and other Jewish writings. The standard by which the Gentiles are to be judged is their treatment of Israel.

Matthew acknowledges the presence of non-Jews who were not Christians and explains how and why such persons can be part of God's kingdom. How? They can be part of God's kingdom by acts of mercy to Christians or, with the more universal interpretation, by mercy to others. The judgment is not even based on confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior. It is wholly contingent on whether one has responded humanely to the needs of "these least brothers and sisters of mine."

When did we see you Lord? Indeed, when did we not see you?

Core Questions:

1. What does this reading say or mean to you personally?
2. What lesson can you learn from this passage?
3. How can you apply this lesson to your life today?

Other Questions:

1. Would the people living closest to you know that Christ is your King? How could they tell?
2. In these six areas: being hungry, thirsty, a stranger, in need of clothes, sick or imprisoned, where do you find yourself serving most naturally? Why? In which areas do you have the most trouble reaching out? Why?
3. What does this section teach about Christian responsibility?

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Trust God to move your mountain,
but keep on digging.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sundays, from 9:45am to 10:45am in Classroom F.

You are all invited to join the Adult Sunday School Class as we celebrate the year of St. Paul. This celebration of our patron saint will begin at 9:45am in class room F. See you there!

Upcoming topics:

Nov. 23rd: Gems of the Messiah #2—Listen and discuss selected pieces

30th: NO CLASS—OFF FOR THANKSGIVING

Dec. 7th: Gems of the Messiah #3—Listen and discuss selected pieces

RCIA GENERAL SESSION

is on Sunday afternoon at 12:30pm, right after the 11:00am Mass. The session starts promptly at 12:30pm and will last until 1:30pm. If you are already Catholic and are interested in attending, even for just one specific topic, you are definitely welcome. We will meet in Classroom F.

Nov. 23rd: BAPTISM

30th: NO CLASS—OFF FOR THANKSGIVING

SPIRIT OF EMMAUS PRAYER GROUP

**Wednesday, November 26, at 11:00am
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

All are welcome. For information please call Pauline King at 817-763-0304 or Juanita Roy at 817-732-7293.

BRANCHES OF FAITH PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday, December 3, at 7:00pm

CHILDREN OF GOD'S DELIGHT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Sunday, December 7, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

ST. PAUL'S LEADERSHIP NIGHT

Tuesday, December 2, at 7:00pm

The pastoral council will conduct our monthly leadership meeting. All leaders or their representatives, who are involved in a ministry, are expected to attend. We also welcome all St. Paul parishioners who would like to attend.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION

Tuesday, December 23, at 7:00pm

Please benefit from this wonderful experience. Contact William Weldon at 817-734-7407 or Deacon Ron at 817-929-5958.

ST. PAUL'S BOOSTER CLUB

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00pm

The St. Paul's Booster Club is selling Tamales once again for the Holiday season. You can order your tamales from a Booster Club member here at Church or you can phone in your order simply by calling (817)236-5421 and leaving a message. This year, tamales are selling for \$8.50 per dozen. You can order your tamales for Thanksgiving delivery on November 22nd or for Christmas delivery on December 13th or December 20th. When calling in an order, please be sure to leave your name, call-back number, the number of tamales you are ordering, and the date you would like to receive your order.

ENGLISH CURSILLO DATES & INFORMATION

For additional information regarding Cursillo, contact Parice Aziere, 817-377-8317 or azierepm@sbcglobal.net – or check out the web site – www.ftworthcursillo.org.



NEWS FROM OUR KNIGHTS

Knights of Columbus

St. Paul Council 12575

Monday, December 1, at 7:00pm

(the 1st Monday of each month.)

We will begin at 7:00pm with a Scriptural Rosary. We would like to welcome the Lady Knights to join us for our Scriptural Rosary prior to our meetings, with a breakout afterwards to allow for us to have our monthly meeting, and the ladies to have an opportunity for fellowship. The meeting will begin at 7:30pm. If you are unable to attend the Rosary, but can make the meeting, we welcome you to attend.

All Catholic men, 18 years of age or older, are invited to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 817-738-9925. Thank you.



Safe Environment Program
Keeping Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults Safe

“KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE” CLASSES

**Thursday, January 22, from 6:00pm-9:00pm
or Saturday, January 24, from 9:00am-12:00pm**

These classes are required to be a volunteer, in any ministry, anywhere in the Diocese. Also, these classes are now required as a part of baptism preparation and First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation. Please contact Juanita Perez in the church office if you plan to attend. Child care will be provided.

CLASES

“MANTENIENDO A LOS NIÑOS SEGUROS”

Jueves, 22 de enero, de las 6:00pm-9:00pm o el

Sábado, 24 de enero, de las 9:00am-12:00pm

Estas clases son requeridas para cualquier voluntario, en cualquier ministerio, en la Diócesis. También esta clase es requerida como parte de su preparación de Bautismo, y Primera Reconciliación y Primera Comunión. Favor de contactar a Juanita Pérez in la oficina de la iglesia si planea atender. Habrá cuidado para los niños.

SILENT AUCTION

The St. Paul's Altar Society will be having a silent auction on the weekend of December 13th & 14th to help pay for some of the expenses here at St. Paul's. If you have any question you can contact Dorothy Vaught at 817-737-7408. Thank you for your continuing support of the St. Paul's Altar Society. Dorothy Vaught, President of the St. Paul's Altar Society.

FUNFEST YARD SIGNS

Please return the Funfest yard signs. Leave the signs in the ushers room after all Masses. Thank you, James Grudosky

EVENING ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, December 5, from 6pm-12 midnight

In addition to the continued weekly Friday morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration will also be offered during the evening hours, once a month, on the first Friday of every month, from 6:00pm to midnight (8pm-10pm in silent adoration).

ADORACION DEL SANTISIMO POR LA TARDE

En adición y a continuación de los Viernes por la mañana de la Adoración del Santísimo, también se ofrecerá durante la tarde una vez al mes en Viernes, de cada mes el primer Viernes, de las 6 pm hasta la media noche, y de (8-10 adoración en silencio).

SHARING IN MINISTRY

Changing Our Hearts

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Sharing in Ministry appeal this year. If you have not yet completed a pledge card, please consider doing so today. Your pledge to the Sharing in Ministry appeal makes a difference in the lives of many persons throughout the 28 counties of the Diocese of Fort Worth. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew. Once you have completed your envelope, please place it in the collection basket the next time you are at Mass or simply turn it in to the parish office.



Parish Goal:	\$ 17,563.00
Actual to Date:	\$ 5,500.00
Amount Needed for Goal	\$ 12,063.00
Number of Gifts:	45

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**ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
MEMORIAL FUND**
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If you wish to have a deceased loved one's name on a memorial marble stone, which will make up our "Wall of Remembrance", to have a name printed, we are asking for a minimum of \$200. The Memorial fund monies are used to make special purchases for the Church's Art and Environment Beautification. Information pamphlets and envelopes can be found in the pamphlet rack in the Lobby.

**PRAYER BLANKETS BY THE ST. PAUL'S
SEWING CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

These blankets are available at the Church Office, during office hours, at 817-738-9925 or at the home of Dorothy Vaught at 817-737-7408.

**COBIJAS DE ORACIÓN EL CIRCULO
DE ORACIÓN DE SAN PABLO**

Estas cobijas están disponibles en la oficina de la Iglesia de San Pablo. Durante horas de oficina. Llamar al Tel. 817-738-9925 o con Dorothy Vaught al Tel. 817-737-7408.

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN THE
GREEN / YELLOW PAPER RECYCLE BINS**

NO Cardboard NO Tissue Products NO Glass NO Plastic
NO Cereal / Soda Cartons NO Phone Books NO Food wrap / Containers

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
PLEDGE REPORT**

With registration households numbering 604, 146 households have pledged \$156,222.00 for our Operating Fund "Together We Serve," and \$49,124.00 for our Building Fund, "Together We Build." Thank you for your continued sacrificial giving to your parish.

ST. PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Thank you very much to those who responded with shelving for the food pantry. Step one is now complete once the shelving is installed some time in the upcoming week. The next step involves getting "volunteers" to staff the operations. Current projected plans will start in January 2009 with one day operation per week with the potential to later have two days operation. The initial focus will be on members of the parish and once we are trained and ready then open to the public. For those who are interested in volunteering our hour base will be Tuesdays; two shifts 9-11am, break for Can Academy noon changes, then resume 1-3pm. An ideal team would be four people per team, and two or three teams for rotation and or substitution options in case of family emergencies. Contact Ramona Seymour 817-237-7967 or Rosa Hernandez 817-237-2010 or Christina Saldivar 817-929-0348.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
GRIEF SHARE FOR KIDS**

We have a need to develop a team of individuals willing to work with young children who are in bereavement. This group would minister to the children of individuals attending GriefShare and would attend on the same evenings (Mondays 6:30pm - 8:30pm) This is a critical need as we want to help all families in this situation — see Deacon Ron for information and details.

DIVORCE CARE FOR KIDS (DC4K)

We have a new team to facilitate the Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K). Marti Deanda and Roxanne Woodard have volunteered to help. This ministry supports families with children attending the Divorce Care seminars and helps the children to heal also. I salute them because they are busy moms, wives, both working on their masters degrees, holding jobs and willing to help these children. *Thank you for answering Gods call and God bless your new ministry. Deacon Ron*

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone, for the prayers, visits, cards, flowers and calls, I received, during my last two surgeries to open my carotid arteries. I truly believe, your prayers and actions made a major difference in the speed of my recovery. I still face one surgery to open the femoral artery of my right leg some time in the next few weeks (or months). *Deacon Ron Aziere*

**ATTENTION ALL ACTIVE ALTAR SERVERS:
FALL OUTING**

We will be taking a field trip to THE WAX MUSEUM and "RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT" MUSEUM on Saturday, December 6, 2008. Meet here at the church no later than 9:30am. Parents, please pick-up you children by 3:00pm at the church. If you have any questions, please call Lilia Mendoza at 817-929-0056.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

For children 6 years old and younger will be held on Monday, at 7 PM, in the Parish Hall. Parents and Godparents, if they live in the area, are expected to attend. Our First Session will be on **Monday, January 12**. The Second Session will be on **Monday, January 19**. And the Third and Final Session will be on **Monday, January 26**. Your child's baptism will not be scheduled until you have attended all three Classes. Also, if the parents have older children, 5 years old or older, the parents have the Christian responsibility to have their children in Religious Formation Class. Having your children in Formation Class is part of your Baptismal Promise to raise your child Catholic. If your older children are not in Formation Class, the Baptism will not be scheduled until your children are in class for at least 6 Months. We also ask parents to attend "Keeping Children Safe" here in our parish. This is offered twice a month, except the month of December. Parents, please sign up for the Baptism Seminar and "Keeping Children Safe" by calling the office at 817-738-9925.

**CLASES DE PREPARACION PARA
EL BAUTISMO**

Será para niños y menor el Lunes, a las 7:00 de la tarde en el Salón de la Parroquia. Los Padres y Padrinos que viven en la área tendrán que asistir a las tres clases antes de que se le de una fecha o horario para el bautismo. Nuestra primera será el **Lunes 12 de Enero**. Nuestra segunda será el **Lunes 19 de Enero**. La ultima clase será el **Lunes 26 de Enero**. La fecha del bautismo no se le dará hasta que halla atendido las tres clases. También si los Padres tienen niños 5 años o mayores, los Padres tienen la responsabilidad cristiana de tener a sus hijos en las clases de Formación Religiosa los Domingos por la mañana. No se le dará horario para el bautismo hasta que sus niños hallan estado por lo menos 6 meses de clases. Formación Cristiana para sus hijos es parte de su obligación como Padres, cuando hicieron su compromiso cuando bautizaron a su niño. Les estamos pidiendo los Padres que atiendan a La Clase de "Manteniedo a sus Niños Seguros" aquí en la parroquia. Esto se ofrese dos veces por mes, excepto el mes de Diciembre. Padres favor de a notarse para las clases de Bautismo y "Manteniendo a sus Niños Seguros" llamando a la oficina al 817-738-9925.

VOCATION VIEWS

What we've done to the least of our brothers and sisters we've done to Christ. Choose to serve in every instance; listen for a call to service as a priest, brother, or sister. (*Matthew 25:31-46*)

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT

Thanksgiving is a traditional time to count our blessings, the most basic of which is the gift of life. As we thank God for the life we have been given, this would be a good time to re-dedicate ourselves to ensuring others the opportunity to enjoy their right to life. In the words of Ronald Reagan "We will never recognize the true value of our own lives until we affirm the value in the life of others."

PENSAMIENTO PRO-VIDA

La acción de gracias es un tiempo tradicional de contar nuestras bendiciones, el muy básico de que es el obsequio de la vida. Cuando damos gracias a Dios para la vida que nosotros nos hemos sido dados, esto sería un tiempo bueno de dedicar nuevamente a asegurar los otros que la oportunidad de gozar su derecho a la vida. En las palabras de Ronald Reagan, "Nosotros nunca reconoceremos que el valor verdadero de nuestro propio vive hasta que afirmemos el valor en la vida de otros."

THANK YOU

October was Breast Cancer Awareness month so with much thanks and gratitude we would like to recognize everyone who donated. *Thank You & God Bless, Bea & Dale Connor*

**DIOCESAN
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PURE REALITY YOUTH RALLY

Are you concerned about the way your teens are bombarded with sex in the media and their surroundings? Pure Reality, a youth rally for grades 8-12 and presented by the Catholic Pro-Life Committee and Catholics Respect Life, is on Sunday, February 8, 2009, from 4:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the Metro Center in Arlington. Our mission is to present a Pure Reality to today's youth letting them know that chastity and abstinence are the true paths to freedom. The opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin Farrell and guest presenters will include Chris Stefanick from Catholic Answers and the Archdiocese of Denver, Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR, and the Theater of the Word. Tickets are only \$20! Youth must attend as a group with safe environment cleared adults. Make your reservation with your group or youth minister online at www.purerealityrally.com by January 16, 2009. For more information, please contact Sue Laux at 817-939-8595 or laux4life@catholicrespectlife.org. Bishop Vann and Bishop Farrell encourage all who minister to youth to take advantage of this opportunity to promote the Culture of Life through chastity education.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Pre K - 5th)
*Please be mindful to pray daily and attend mass to
 Actively worship on*



Sat. @ 5:00pm or Sun. @ 8:30am, 11:00am or 1:45pm (Spanish)

Sun. Nov. 23rd Faith Formation @ 9:30am & 12:30pm

Mon. Nov. 24th Thanksgiving Prayer Service @ 7:00pm please have children here at 6:30pm (Child must be accompanied by an adult through the whole evening.)

Thur. Nov. 27th Happy Thanksgiving! Please be mindful & thankful of our many blessings!

Sun. Nov. 30th NO FAITH FORMATION!—(Thanksgiving Holiday break) Classes will resume on Sun. Dec. 7th

Sat. Dec. 6th Preparation of First Reconciliation class 9:00am-noon

Sun. Dec. 7th Faith Formation @ 9:30am & 12:30pm

Thur. Dec. 11th Preparation of First Communion class 6:00pm-9:00pm

Sun. Dec. 14th Faith Formation @ 9:30am & 12:30pm

Sun. Dec. 21st Faith Formation @ 9:30am & 12:30pm Advent parties in classroom please bring snack to share with others in your classroom.

☺☺☺ Come join the Faith, Fun and Fellowship! ☺☺☺

****For more information please contact Jane Sandoval @ 817-377-4150 ****

YOUTH MINISTRY (6th-12th Grade)

*Please be mindful to pray daily and attend mass to
 Actively worship on*

Sat. @ 5:00pm or Sun. @ 8:30am, 11:00am or 1:45pm (Spanish)



Sun. Nov. 23rd Faith Formation @ 9:30am & 12:30pm

Wed. Nov. 26th NO YOUTH NIGHT

Thurs. Nov. 27th Happy Thanksgiving! Please be mindful & thankful for our many blessings!

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Wed. Dec. 3rd Youth Night @ 6:30pm-8:30pm (All parents and youth are invited to attend)

Fri. Dec 5th 7:00pm til Sat. Dec. 6th 7:00am LOCK -IN FOR LIFE @ St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, at 1200 S. Davis Dr., Arlington, TX 76013. Please be here at 6:00pm

Sat. Dec. 6th Preparation of First Communion class 9:00am-noon

Sun. Dec. 7th Faith Formation @ 9:30am & 12:30pm

Wed. Dec. 10th Youth Night @ 6:30pm-8:30pm (All parents and youth are invited to attend)

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Evangelization Update

Prayer And Action – Part 1. This past week, we were blessed to have a brief parish mission, a respite if you will, to give us a chance to refocus on what should be important to each and every one of us; that being the value of prayer in our lives. Hopefully many of you took the opportunity to attend one of the three nights last week; even better if you were able to come all three evenings. Prayer, as we all know, is the turning of one's heart to the divine. Intentionally and intent-fully placing ourselves before Our Creator, taking a stance that comprises many attitudes; for instance, that of humility, or gratefulness, or remorse for when we have failed to be or do all that God made us for, or joy, and the list goes on. God already knows everything about us and where we're at on a spiritual plane or level. So repeating what God already knows is not so much the point as it is to get us to focus on what it may be that we're considering important at the moment. Our thoughts tend to be scattered – we may think and speak one way yet act in another. Prayer helps us to unify our random physical and mental activities, allowing God to give us guidance if we are willing to listen and heed the Wisdom that The One who knit us in our mother's wombs, offers. But as valuable as a fervent prayer life is, we cannot forget that a meaningful journey with the Lord demands action as well. Our Gospel reading for today absolutely stresses this point. When Jesus says, "When you did . . ." it's taking it to the next step beyond simply praying about a matter; it's acting upon it. Father Richard Rohr repeatedly stresses this connection, this joining of prayer and action. It is why he named the center he founded in Albuquerque, The Center for Action and Contemplation. It requires both. God doesn't intend for us to sit around and only pray for something when there is something that God wants for us to do towards it. I'm sure you've heard the comment that someone is so heavenly minded that he is no earthly good. An active prayer life should be igniting a fire within you. It should be paradoxically, creating a thirst in your soul and quenching that thirst at the same time. This insightful little letter came to my attention that illustrates this matter wonderfully. It's titled, *To My Dear Christian Friend.*

I was hungry . . . and you formed a humanities club and discussed my hunger.

Thank you.

I was imprisoned and you crept off quietly to your chapel in the cellar . . . and prayed for my release.

I was naked . . . and in your mind you debated the morality of my appearance.

I was sick . . . and you knelt and thanked God for your health.

I was homeless . . . and you preached to me of the spiritual shelter of the love of God.

I was lonely and you left me alone . . . to pray for me.

You seem so holy and so close to God, but I'm still very hungry, and cold, and lonely . . .

Got your attention Dear Ones? Is this a letter that Jesus might write to you? Is your prayer experience igniting anything within you? Are there any fruits being shared with others because of your connection to the Almighty? I pray there are. Please look for the conclusion to **Prayer And Action** next Sunday. God Bless.

Parish Smiles:



"Love, honor, and cherish, eh?
Could I pick two out of three?"

Stewardship Lifestyles:

THE SECRET OF HANDLING MONEY

A wise man named Sydney Harris made this insightful comment about money: "Money," he said, "just like fire, is a splendid servant but a ruthless master. If you cannot control it, it can ruin you." Knowing how to deal with money obviously does not come with birth. It must be learned. It takes prayer, effort, a strong will that repels foolish temptations, and it takes thoughtfulness. Unfortunately, countless people do not heed the necessary lessons.

There was a man who labored diligently to make a million dollars. When he achieved his goal, his relatives proudly announced that the man was a certified millionaire. The man threw back his shoulders with pride, almost arrogance. Money was his servant, he believed. But, sad to say, the man did not invest wisely. A recession diminished his fortune. One of his sons got into trouble requiring a large sum to be bailed out. The man had retired early and now he needed to go to work again. Money was not a servant, it was a master demanding his time, energy and worry. It was a demanding, ruthless master.

Many Christians have learned the secret of handling money by allowing God to direct them in the matter. Such people have discovered that when God and God's mission are put first ...before any else ... one is compelled to plan wisely, budget carefully, buy frugally, save regularly, and invest only in that which they pray God would approve.

Those who, with God's guidance, plan their financial affairs carefully, then carry out that plan, will find that money becomes their splendid servant and not a ruthless master. They will discover freedom from financial pressures and joy in being good stewards of the benefits which they, by God's grace, often find coming their way.

Co-Responsabilidad de Vida de Gerencia:

EL SECRETO DE COMO MANEJAR EL DINERO

Un hombre sabio llamado Sydney Harris discutía de dinero cuando se le ocurrió este penetrante comentario: "El dinero", dijo, "como el fuego, puede ser un espléndido sirviente pero también un amo implacable. Si no lo controlas te puede arruinar". Saber manejar el dinero no es algo con lo que se nace. Debe ser aprendido. Exige oración, esfuerzo y una voluntad fuerte que rechace las tentaciones tontas; exige previsión. Desafortunadamente, incontables personas no aprenden las necesarias lecciones.

Recuerdo el caso de un señor que trabajó larga y diligentemente para poder ganar un millón de dólares. Cuando alcanzó su objetivo, sus familiares anunciaron orgullosamente que ya era un millonario certificado. El hombre se irguió con orgullo, casi con arrogancia. Aparentemente pesaba que había convertido al dinero en su sirviente. Pero, triste es decirlo, el hombre no lo invirtió con sabiduría. No lo cuidó. Una recesión disminuyó su fortuna. Uno de sus hijos se metió en problemas y él tuvo que gastar grandes sumas para pagar la fiaza. El hombre se había retirado a temprana edad, y ahora se veía obligado a volver a trabajar. El dinero para él no era un sirviente, era un amo que le exigía su tiempo, energía y preocupación. Era un patrón exigente e implacable.

Muchos cristianos han aprendido el secreto de cómo manejar el dinero dejando que Dios los dirija en este terreno. Y han descubierto que cuando ponen a Dios y a su misión en primer lugar...antes que cualquier otra cosa...se ven obligados a planear en forma sabia, a presupuestar en forma cuidadosa, a comprar en forma frugal, a ahorrar en forma regular y a invertir solo en lo que creen que Dios aprobaría.

Aquellos que, bajo la guía de Dios, planifiquen sus asuntos financieros en forma cuidadosa, y luego lleven a cabo su plan, se darán cuenta de que el dinero se convierte en un espléndido sirviente y no en su amo implacable. Se verán libres de presiones financieras y descubrirán el gozo de ser buenos administradores de los bienes que, por la gracia de Dios, con frecuencia vienen hacia ellos.

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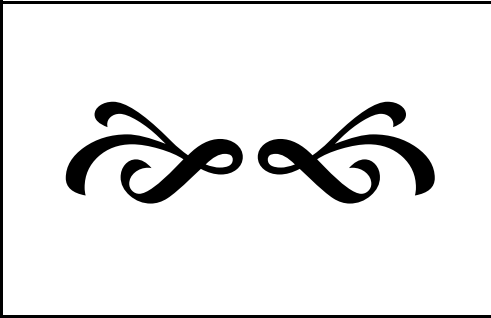
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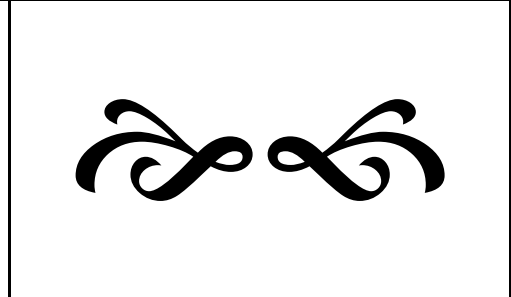
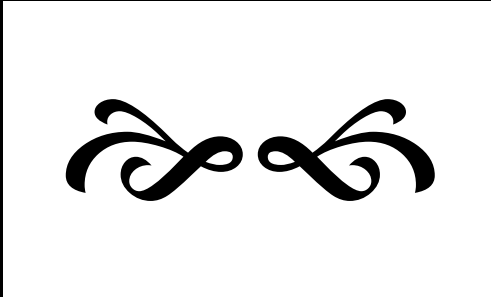
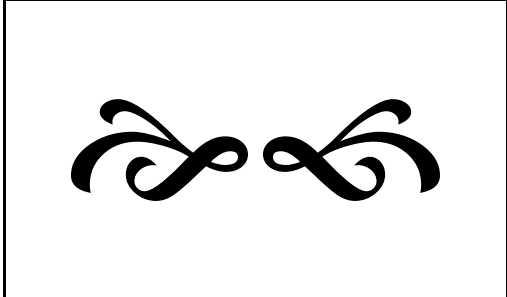
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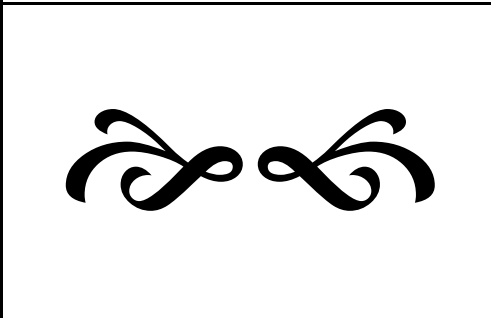
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